

# Rock Creek Park

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## June 2017

### Schedule of Events

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Take a hike and learn about non-native and invasive plants in our park. Learn about the sites in the park and get fit through a yoga program. The Joaquin Miller Poetry Series returns, and we continue looking skyward with our Exploring the Sky program. We are also marking the return of our honey bees with a special weekly program.

#### Wednesdays

- **Young Planetarium** - 4:00 p.m. at the Nature Center - Children are invited to explore the night sky and listen to star stories. **Ages 4 and older.** (30- 40 minutes)

#### Thursdays

- **Perspectives of the Old Stone House** - 2:00 p.m. at the Old Stone House Garden - Rangers will present insights on middle- class life in Georgetown. Topics may include the evolution of a neighborhood or the changing uses of an urban garden. **All ages.** (20 minutes)
- **To Bee or Not to Bee** - 4:00 p.m. at the Nature Center - Our observation hive is a great way to inspect the life of honey bees. Join Ranger Tony to take a closer look at our six- legged social friends. **All ages.** (20 minutes)

#### Fridays

- **Creature Feature** - 4:00 p.m. at the Nature Center - Children of all ages are invited to learn about Rock Creek Park's wild critters during this interactive program featuring live turtles and snakes. **All ages.** (20- 30 minutes)

#### Saturdays

- **Summer Night Sky** - 1:00 p.m. at the Nature Center - Discover tonight's brightest stars, planets, and constellations and learn their stories in the Rock Creek Park Planetarium. **Ages 5 and older.** (45 minutes)
- **Exploring the Universe** - 4:00 p.m. at the Nature Center - Explore the solar system, Milky Way, and deep space objects in this high- tech planetarium program. **Ages 7 and older.** (45 minutes)
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#### Sundays

- **Summer Night Sky** - 1:00 p.m. at the Nature Center - See Saturday. **Ages 5 and older.** (45 minutes)
- **Poetry in the Park: The Joaquin Miller Poetry Series** - 3:00 p.m. at the Nature Center - Join The Word Works in the Rock Creek Nature Center Auditorium for original poetry readings each Sunday afternoon in June and July. **Ages 14 and older.** (1.5 hours)

### Saturday, June 3 National Trails Day

- **Civil War Roundtable** - 9:30 a.m. at the Nature Center - Guest Speaker Janet Clemens will discuss “Camping in the Capitol: How Six Thousand Union Troops were housed and healed in the 1850s.” Not long after the Capitol building was expanded in 1857 and 1859, it became a makeshift barracks and eventually a military hospital. (1.5 - 2 hours)

### Sunday, June 4

- **Georgetown Waterfront Walk** - 11:00 a.m. at the Georgetown Waterfront Park - Stroll along Georgetown Waterfront Park with us and learn how Georgetown went from an active port town to a vibrant community. Meet at the Georgetown Waterfront Park fountain at the corner of Wisconsin Avenue and K Street. When outdoors, remember to wear sturdy shoes, use sun protection, and bring water. Age 7 and older. (50 minutes- 1 hour)

### Saturday, June 10

- **Run of the Mill** - 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Peirce Mill - See the 2,000- pound millstones convert corn to cornmeal using the good old- fashioned renewable energy of water. Miller Jeanne and the Friends of Peirce Mill invite you to discover Washington D.C.’s only surviving gristmill in action. Be sure to explore the family programs and exhibits at Peirce Barn next door as well. **All ages.** (Drop- in program)

### Saturday, June 17

- **Planetarium Movie: Zula Patrol Down to Earth** - 10:00 a.m. at the Nature Center - Hey kids! Join us for Zula Patrol as Madam Deliria is chased back through geologic times in an attempt to rid the universe of litter. **Ages 4 and up.** (30 minutes)
- **Nature Craft** - 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Nature Center - Join us for a morning of making nature crafts. Materials will be provided. **All ages.** (Drop- in program)
- **What Doesn’t Belong?** - 2:30 p.m. at the Nature Center - Join us on a two- mile hike to learn about non- native plant species in our park and their impacts on the park’s ecosystem. **All ages.** (2 hours)
- **Exploring the Sky** - 9:00 p.m. at Military Field (Picnic Grove 13 Parking Lot; on Glover Road near Military Road NW) - Explore the night sky through the lens of a telescope with a ranger from Rock Creek Park and the National Capital Astronomers Association. This is a family- friendly night of stargazing. Cloud cover or rain cancels the event. **All ages.** (Stay as long as you like)

### Saturday, June 24

- **Yoga with Ranger Anna Claire** - 10-10:45 a.m. at Old Stone House Garden - Connect your mind, body, and spirit during a free 45- minute outdoor yoga class led by Ranger and Certified Yoga Instructor Anna Claire Eddington. The instructor will gather inspiration from our natural and historical surroundings to inspire this class that is focused on flowing from pose- to- pose and connecting to the environment around us. All levels welcome. Bring your own mat and water. No supplies provided. **All ages.** (45 minutes)
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**Saturday, June 24 (continued)**

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**Rock Creek Park Visitor Center Locations and Hours**

**Nature Center & Planetarium** = 5200 Glover Road, NW, Washington, D.C. Open Wednesday through Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Hiking trail maps and park information, plant and animal exhibits, and bookstore.

**Old Stone House** = 3051 M Street, NW, Washington, D.C. Open daily, 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Early American home, self-guided tours, and bookstore.

**Peirce Mill** = 2401 Tilden Street, NW, Washington, D.C. Open 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Peirce Mill is the last remaining gristmill on Rock Creek.

**Other Park Locations**

**Georgetown Waterfront Park** = Programs meet at the fountain at the intersection of “K” Street, NW, and Wisconsin Avenue, NW.

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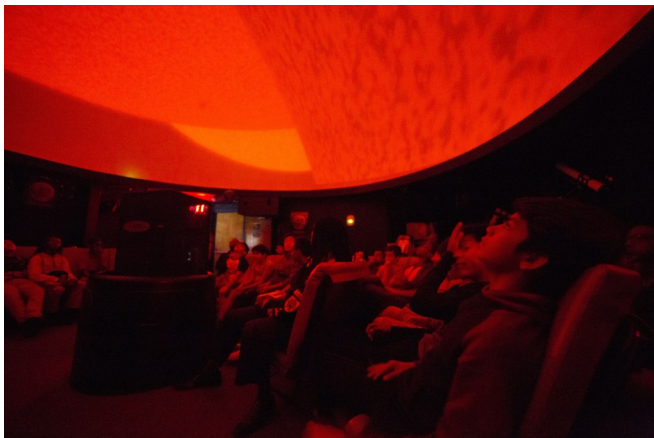
## Experience the sights and sounds of Rock Creek Park with a ranger

- Discover the park's biggest trees on a nature hike
- View the night sky during the day in our planetarium
  - Discover a Civil War fortress
  - Meet the nature center's live animals
- Play games, do hands-on activities and more

### Come prepared—equipping your camper

- Bring a backpack to carry all your stuff
- Water or a sports drink to stay hydrated
- Snacks and a bag lunch to stay energized
- Hiking boots or tennis shoes for healthy feet (no sandals or flip-flops)
- Sunscreen, hat, and sunglasses are highly recommended because it's sunny in D.C.

## Registration for camps starts May 19



**Astronomy Camps:** Astronomy Camp will further camper's understanding of and appreciation for astronomy and the night sky. Activities will include hands-on activities, planetarium programs, completing a special Dark Sky Junior Ranger booklet, stargazing session, and more.

July 1                      Ages 9-11

August 12                Ages 7-8

**Two Day Junior Ranger Camps:** The Junior Ranger Camp serves as a general introduction for children to the natural and cultural resources of Rock Creek Park. Campers will enjoy a nature hike, an astronomy program in the planetarium, see what lives in the creek, a visit to historic Peirce Mill, arts and crafts, and more.

July 19-20                Ages 9-11

August 9-10             Ages 7-8

**For more information or to register, contact the Rock Creek Park Nature Center at (202) 895-6070.**